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Funds for Natural Calamities

3693. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN *alias* PAPPU YADAV :
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have asked the State Governments to submit the memorandum regarding the losses suffered due to various natural calamities like flood, drought, cyclone, hailstorms etc. in 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States from which the memorandum have been received indicating loss of lives, livestocks, crops, houses and area suffered by them, State-wise; and

(d) the amount of financial assistance provided to these States for relief and rehabilitation measures so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) In accordance with the established practice, Government of India receives from the State Governments Memoranda about the extent of damage in various sectors as a result of natural calamities. The State Governments undertake relief and rehabilitation measures in the affected areas utilising the allocations in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF). They are required to send a detailed Memorandum to the Government of India only in the event of a calamity of rare severity where additional funds are sought from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR).

(c) and (d) During 1996-97 Memoranda have been received from 17 States seeking additional assistance from the NFCR. A Statement indicating the area affected, loss of human lives and livestock, damage to crops and houses due to natural calamities during 1996-97 in these States and funds released from the Central share of CRF and the NFCR is enclosed.

Statement

S.No.	Name of the States from where memorandum received	Calamity	Extent of damage					Financial assistance extended from	
			Human lives lost (No.)	Animals lost (No.)	Area affected (in lakh ha.)	Cropped area affected (in lakh ha.)	Damage to houses (No.)	Central share of CRF (Rs. in crore)	NFCR (Rs. in crores)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Flood/ cyclone	1685	66694	22.51	22.47	714040	93.14	142.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Flood	15	1256	0.07	0.06	330	5.28	3.00
3.	Assam	Flood	38	—	5.75	2.00	7848	37.51	21.00
4.	Bihar	Flood	207	66	11.29	7.14	66955	38.97	7.00
5.	Gujarat	Flood	117	1962	22.31	4.28	54575	104.70	—
6.	Haryana	Flood	19	544	0.86	0.23	12314	18.79	—
7.	Himachal Pradesh	Flood	45	2250	3.20	2.58	5774	20.21	10.56
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	Flood	58	9534	0.58	0.46	24521	14.78	—
9.	Karnataka	Flood	244	5254	0.83	0.83	135462	31.39	—
10.	Kerala	Flood	159	—	0.46	0.39	18729	41.55	—
11.	Madhya Pradesh	Flood/ Draught	48	344	0.14	0.14	7075	38.31	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
12.	Orissa	Drought	—	—	—	20.53	—	36.76	50.00
13.	Rajasthan	Flood	138	6438	10.88	2.10	119241	134.28	—
14.	Sikkim	Flood	9	—	—	—	20	3.53	5.52
15.	Tamil Nadu	Flood/ Cyclone	210	2826	3.28	3.28	700818	44.51	25.00
16.	Uttar Pradesh	Flood	352	1279	11.24	6.78	70858	93.84	—
17.	West Bengal	Flood	48	84	0.83	0.83	203987	38.49	—

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Incidents of Crime in U.P.

3694. SHRI SOHAN BEER :
SHRI HARPAL SINGH SATHI :
PROF. OM PAL SINGH 'NIDAR' :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the crimes committed in U.P. during the current year, crime-wise;

(b) the number of persons arrested during this period; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the incident of crimes in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) Available information in regard to commission of crimes under major heads in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the current year (upto 15.2.1997) is as follows :

Crime	Number
1. Dacoity	144
2. Robbery	506
3. Murder	928
4. Burglary	1346
5. Kidnapping for ransom	27
6. Forced hold-up	15
7. Total I.P.C. Crimes	18050

During the month of January, 1997, 31,144 persons were arrested under various preventive sections. 11,998 criminals wanted in various cases have been arrested since 1.2.1997. An action plan for curbing crime and improving law and order in Uttar Pradesh chalked out recently has been communicated to the State Government for implementation.

[English]

Autonomy to States

3695. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received the report of the Committee constituted to go into the question of autonomy to the States;

(b) if so, the precise details of the recommendations contained therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) The Government has not constituted any Committee to consider exclusively the question of "Autonomy to States". However, the Inter-State Council, in its meeting held on 15.10.1996, recommended inter-alia that there should be a Standing Committee of the Council.

The first meeting of the Standing Committee was held on 15th January, 1997. The following issues were considered by the Standing Committee :—

(i) Review and update of the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State Financial relations especially the devolution of